



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

## San Diego Public Library

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### **SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY SCREENS *FOREIGN LETTERS*** *Two Immigrant Children Form a Strong Bond But Struggle to Maintain it*

**SAN DIEGO** –The San Diego Public Library, in partnership with the Film Movement Film-of-the-Month Club, will screen the internationally acclaimed film *Foreign Letters* on **Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**, at **12:00 pm** in the 3rd floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. Directed by filmmaker Ela Thier, *Foreign Letters* is part of a monthly showcase of independent and foreign films. This event is free and open to the public.

Ellie, a 12-year-old immigrant girl from Israel, is lonely and homesick. Life brightens when she meets Thuy, a Vietnamese refugee her age. Trust slowly builds as the two teach each other about life in America. As Ellie and Thuy become inseparable, they eventually hurt and betray each other. Ellie must give up her most prized possession, in order to save their friendship. Based on the filmmaker's own experience, *Foreign Letters* is a story about prejudice, poverty, shame, and the power of friendship to heal us. The film features the music of iconic Israeli musician Chava Alberstein.

Film Movement is a full-service distributor of critically acclaimed award-winning independent and foreign films. Film Movement has released films from 25 countries and six continents, including top prize winners from Sundance, Cannes, Venice, Toronto, Berlin, Tribeca and many other prestigious film festivals. Through partnerships with theaters, TV networks, wholesalers, retailers, institutions, and a first of its kind subscription service, Film Movement is able to get the films it distributes to the audience they deserve.

Learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library's Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library's catalog online at [www.sandiegolibrary.org](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org).

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